

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 and 21-25 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-8 and 21, drawn to a protein; and

Group II, claims 9-19 and 22-25, drawn to a process of isolating a protein.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-8 and 21.

Applicants submit that, should the product claims of the elected Group I be found allowable, then the claims of Group II, commensurate in scope with allowed product claims, should be rejoined to the present application and allowed.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark J. Nuell (Reg. No. 36,623) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

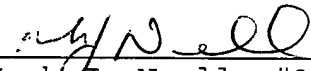
If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

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required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;
particularly, extension of time fees.

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